

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

10:00 A.M.

### THE GATHERING

*O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

#### SILENT MEDITATION

#### PRELUDE

*Were You There?*  
*Heroic Piece*

H.T. Burleigh  
Cesar Franck

## WORDS OF GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## CHIMING THE HOUR

### THE PROMISE

Isaiah 25:6-9

### CHORAL INTROIT *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Joanne LeDoux

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;

People: He has become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become  
the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our  
eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### \*HYMN NO. 123 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who  
mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and  
indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse  
the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power  
to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant  
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!

People: Alleluia and Amen!

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

**\*THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*The Lord Is My Light*

Frances Allitsen

## THE WORD OF GOD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON)**

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts that in the reading of the scriptures we may hear your word of promise and joy. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 28:1-10

*Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid."*

**ANTHEM**

*Forever Blest Is He  
from "Jephtha"*

George F. Handel

*Forever blest is he who serves the Lord,  
Forever, Forever blest is he who serves the Lord.  
The loving God of all, the God of all mankind.  
Forever blest is he who serves the Lord.  
Joy shall be his reward; Living to serve the Lord;  
Forever, Forever blest is he who serves the Lord.*

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

**EASTER SERMON**

*Encountering Christ: The Empty Tomb*  
Rev. Sherard Edington

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

# RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*O Divine Redeemer*

Charles Gounod

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

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# SENDING FORTH

## \*HYMN NO. 118

*The Day of Resurrection!*

LANCASHIRE

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

## \*POSTLUDE

*Toccata on All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Gilbert M. Martin

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC\_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

April 12, 6:00 p.m.

*Lemon Chicken with Orzo and Roasted Green Beans, Cake*

To make a reservation, please call the church office at  
(615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

WE WELCOME soloist Katelyn Virgous to our worship service today. Katelynn is a 2022 honors graduate of Tennessee State University where she majored in Commercial Music Technology.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Bill Jenkins by his family.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** – FPC Women will meet Monday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**LADIES BINGO NIGHT** – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

**THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be Saturday, April 22, at 8:00 a.m. Subject: Scars.



## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
10:30 a.m.	Presby. Women	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	<b>Office Closed</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Saturday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)		

## SESSION

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024  
Jackie Cowden  
Nancy Gebhardt  
Mickey Stueck  
Allen Vance

Class of 2025  
W.P. Bone  
Jack Emmert

## DIACONATE

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll  
Mark Fain  
Carol Benson  
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025  
Rachel Low  
Anne Donnell  
Jim Stueck

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler  
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves  
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance  
Christian Education – Max Carter  
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck  
Outreach – Nancy Gebhardt  
Personnel – Jackie Cowden  
Worship – Wayne Patton

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Chaney  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
February	\$24,287.58	\$27,936.72
YTD	\$48,424.61	\$83,032.51
	Last Week's Offering	\$4,704.00